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A military organization called DRM (possibly the abbreviation for Directia Regionala a Muncii -- Regional Directorate of Labor) existed in Rumania. This organization which was actually classified as a labor unit was subordinated to the DGM (Directia Generala a Muncii -- General Directorate of Labor), a section within the Ministry of Labor. The CO of DRM was a colonel who had his office in Bucharest at the Ministry of Labor.

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Their uniforms were like those of the other branches of military service except that the color of the uniform was a light grayish-green and instead of high boots, members of the DRM wore brogans with white socks. Their training was limited and that they performed construction work around military installations, worked on the Danube-Black Sea canal, in uranium mines at Baita (approx. N 47-32, E 23-10), etc. DRM. In general, the officers of this organization were Party members and were specialists, such as mining or civil engineers and physicians. Very few of the officers had officers' training.

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In general, persons who were from formerly wealthy families, were land owners, former lawyers, or businessmen, i.e., "chiaburi", could not enlist in the armed forces and, thus, were sent to DRM to complete their three years of military service.

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the pay of DRM officers was fairly good and that they were paid according to their functions, i.e., engineers, draftsmen, etc.

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[redacted] soldiers were as well paid as the laborers. However, deductions for food, uniforms, and quarters were made from their salary. Officers were able to resign their commissions any time they wished.

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[redacted] the CO of all the DRM was a full colonel and a "chiabur" who had very good connections and who, in spite of being a known anti-Communist, had been able to keep his position.

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